



Board of Registrars

Date: Tuesday, September 19, 2023

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: Town Hall, First Floor Annex Conference Room

Attendance: Juli Brazile, Bill Logan, Rebecca Betlyon, Ralph MacDonald

Meeting Notes – these have not been approved by the Board

1. Introductions and Welcome Ralph MacDonald

We introduced ourselves.

2. Approve Minutes of January 17, 2023

On a motion by Rebecca Betlyon and seconded by Bill Logan, the minutes were approved as submitted. 4 – 0

3. Discussion and Vote: Early Voting In-Person for November

Juli Brazile reviewed the legal requirement for the Registrars to vote to recommend in person early voting for local elections. She proposes holding in person early voting on Saturday, October 28 from 10 am to 5 pm to coincide with the last day of voter registration prior to the Special Town Election. And then for normal office hours the following week before the election. Rebecca Betlyon asked if this would incur any additional costs. Juli Brazile said that she would have the early voting handled by her staff and that they would normally be working overtime hours the weekend before an election so it's not a measurable cost.

On a motion by Bill Logan and seconded by Ralph MacDonald, the Registrars voted to recommend in person early voting to the Select Board for the November election. Rebecca Betlyon abstained. 3 – 0

4. Voter Registration Opportunities

Juli Brazile explained that the Board of Registrars members often assist on the last day to register when Town Hall is open, especially on a Saturday. She believes that the League of Women Voters and the Town Democratic Committee will offer voter registration at Town Day, September 23, 2023.

5. Election Schedule

Juli Brazile reviewed the election schedule for 2024:

- Presidential Primary: March 5
- Town Election: April 6 (not confirmed by Select Board)
- State Primary: September 3 (day after Labor Day, not confirmed by Legislature)
- State Election: November 5

It is the practice in Arlington to have the Registrars help the Town Clerk's Office on election days by delivering mailed ballots and supplies to the precincts.

6. Next Meeting Date

Juli Brazile proposes a meeting date in December or January to vote on a recommendation to the Select Board regarding in person early voting for April 2024. State Elections have mandatory early voting in person on a schedule established in the law.

7. New Business

Because the Registrars meet infrequently, Juli Brazile proposes that she will draft meeting notes after each meeting and email them to the Registrars to review for significant errors. Those notes will be posted in the website clearly marked that they have not been approved as formal minutes.

8. Adjourn

On a motion by Rebecca Betlyon and seconded by Bill Logan, the Registrars voted to adjourn at 8:15 pm. 4 – 0